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CONTESTS BETWEEN SOVIET AND SATELLITE
MODEL PLANE DESIGNERS AND PARACHUTISTS,
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COMPETITION BETWEEN SOVIET AND BULGARIAN AIRPLANE MODELISTS -- Moscow, Kryl'ya Rodiny, Oct, Nov 53

Competitions between Soviet and Bulgarian airplane modelists were held from 29 August to 5 September 1953 at the airfield of the Central Air Club of DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation) about 20 kilometers from Sofia.

The members of the Soviet team were: Oleg Gayevskiy (Captain), well-known designer of "souped up" model airplane gasoline engines; Yuriy Sokolov, Sportsman 1st class; Vasiliy Nasonov, a record holder; Aleksey Yermakov; Boris Shkurskiy, USSR 1953 airplane modeling champion; and Ivan Ivannikov, holder of the 1953 K. E. Tsiolovskiy prize /for jet engine models/. The Soviet team was under the direction of P. Turchin. The following were members of the Bulgarian team: Dimitur Bodurov, Pano Popov, Lyubomir Drev, Kiril Radev, Stoil Nikolov, and Krustyu Pashkov. The team was captained by Paskal Tomov.

The Soviet team arrived in Sofia on 26 August and was welcomed by the heads of DOSO, by representatives of the Bulgarian Air Force, and by participants in the competition.

The competitions were attended by the heads of DOSO, by diplomatic representatives of the USSR, the Chinese People's Republic, and other countries, and by officers of the Bulgarian Air Force. M. Penchev, Deputy Chairman of the Central Council of DOSO, opened the competitions.

Contests with the following types of models were included in the competitions: gliders, model planes with rubber-band motors, rubber-band-powered seaplanes, radio-controlled models, seaplanes with mechanical engines and governors for limiting flight, and wire-guided jet engine and mechanical engine models.

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Soviet modelist Ivannikov's jet model reached a speed of 189.5 kilometers per hour and modelist Gayevskiy's gasoline-engine model (cylinder displacement of 5 cubic centimeters) reached a speed of 167.5 kilometers per hour. The Bulgarian Nikolov flew a model equipped with a RAM-1 jet engine which had been given to him by the Soviet team.

The Soviet modelists took first place in all classes of flying models, earning 3,852.94 points as compared to the Bulgarians' 1,741.59 points.

The October issue of Kryl'ya Rodiny includes a photograph (not reproduced herein) of members of the Soviet team; one of the competition's judges, M. Vasil'chenko; and P. Turchin, director of the Soviet team.

COMPETITIONS BETWEEN SOVIET, BULGARIAN, AND CZECHOSLOVAK PARACHUTE TEAMS -- Moscow, Kryl'ya Rodiny, Oct 53

Competitions between Soviet, Bulgarian, and Czechoslovak parachute teams were held at the airfield of the air club in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, from 30 August to 2 September 1953. The contests were sponsored by the Czechoslovak organization Svazarm (Federation for Cooperation With the Army).

The Soviet team was composed of the following: P. A. Storchiyenko (trainer and team captain), I. A. Fedchishin, P. P. Kosinov (Dnepropetrovsk), V. M. Seliverstova (Omsk), N. S. Shcherbinin (Moscow), and N. A. Klimov (Stalingrad). The team was under the direction of Ye. Stepanov, sportsman-parachutist and Hero of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet team received a warm welcome at Prague and again at the Ostrava airfield. A short training period, beginning on 27 August, was held before the opening of the contests.

The international parachute competition began at 0800 hours on 30 August. The first event consisted of two jumps from 600 meters into a circle 60 meters in diameter, but after several jumps had been made the event had to be discontinued until the third day because of the high wind velocity.

On the second day, a demonstration of delayed-opening jumps was given before a crowd of more than 100,000 spectators. A flypast of jet planes preceded the exhibition.

On the third day, the first event was continued, with the Soviet team capturing first place. The second exercise was a jump from an altitude of 1,000 meters into a circle 100 meters in diameter. The Bulgarian parachutist Parapunov won first place with an average of 5.53 meters from the center of the circle for both of his jumps, but in spite of this the Soviet team took first place in the event.

The third and final event was held on 2 September. This was a combined jump, with a delayed opening of 15 seconds, from an altitude of 1,500 meters into a circle 150 meters in diameter. The Soviet sportsmen took first place in this event also, giving them a total of 185.45 points to 126.85 points for the Bulgarians, and 116.32 points for the Czechoslovaks.

Among the Bulgarian parachutists participating in the contest were Noykov, Parapunov, and Vashev. Czechoslovak parachutists included Pisko and Kotek.

The article describing the contest includes a photograph (not reproduced herein) of the USSR team.

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